

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 27 with the following new paragraph:

The guide 7 can be constructed as a depression or groove within the grip 4 and optionally on the or within the arm 9, which essentially passes along the longitudinal axis of the dental floss holder. For protecting the spool 5 and dental floss 6 against dirtying the lid is preferably designed in such a way that, when fitted, it substantially completely covers the first, shell-shaped part 4a of the grip 4 and guide 7 located in the latter. If the guide for the dental floss 6 is at the point where the lid crosses its path on the top of the first shell-shaped part of the grip, in the manner shown here at this point the lid must have an indentation 19 so as not to impede the path of the dental floss.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25 with the following new paragraph:

The fork prongs preferably have at their ends a cross-section of approximately 1 to approximately 3 mm^{[[y]]}, i.e. the prongs are highly filigree.